

AD FLEETOR PAY LATER, SAYS BENSON

Admiral Sees Danger of Foreigners Boosting Rates if Our Vessels Drop Out.

WARNS OF PROPAGANDA

Tells Press Club Audience Enemies of Commercial Navy Are at Work.

The producers and manufacturers and merchants of the United States may take the word of Rear Admiral W. S. Benson as to it if they do not give their support to the fleet of American merchant ships created by the United States Shipping Board during the war they will pay through the nose for the services of foreign ships, who, if American tonnage diminishes, will charge their own freight rates for the cargoes which will be shipped to and from Europe when the Board adjusts its rates.

Admiral Benson, as chairman of the Shipping Board, stressed this point especially last night in a talk on American shipping which he gave at the New York Press Club, and in which he went over the history and facts of American shipping from the beginning of the present war to the present. His talk was illustrated by a series of motion pictures, which are to be shown all over the country in a campaign which is aimed to interest the people of the United States in their commercial navy.

He said that there were three main points which every citizen of this country should keep in mind when he thought of mercantile shipping at all, and particularly when his ears were assailed by any expressions of a propaganda—which Admiral Benson insists is going on—which has for its object the depreciation of faith in our merchant marine and enthusiasm for its future. The three points he made were: That the United States was as great a force in the world as it was largely through the freighter fleet which carried the supplies to the army, and that the vessels built and managed by the Shipping Board have more than paid for their cost without the support of Americans they will disappear from American registry.

In the war just over, he explained, this country had the assistance of powerful maritime allies, but in another war, and very probably would, have to stand alone. As to the ability of American ships to pay their way, he pointed out that out of the profits of the war, the Board would have to pay during the war they are still "ahead of the game" as money carriers, and can well afford to let idle if necessary until times pick up and freight rates begin to fall.

As to the prices which foreign ships are likely to charge Americans if they have no ships of their own, Admiral Benson pointed out that the world's shipping is virtually controlled by a few nations, and that the knowledge of ship movements, declared, he was certain that the depression in ocean carrying was at its lowest level, and that now for the first time an American merchant marine was bound to justify itself absolutely.

He concluded by asking all American producers to think the situation over, and to see whether they could make it a point of patriotism to ship only in American bottoms.

GIRL STUDENT, 15, IS MISSING TEN DAYS

Louise Martin Went Shopping—Did Not Return.

Louise S. Martin, 15, daughter of George R. Martin, 1000 Avenue C, Brooklyn, and a student of domestic economy at Pratt Institute, has been missing since a week ago last Tuesday at 2 o'clock, when she went out for the police of the Vernon avenue station to aid in the search for her.

Since Miss Martin's disappearance her family has been in a state of anxiety. Her father, though they have questioned all her associates at school, and in the Sunday school of the Greene Avenue Presbyterian Church, she was out of sight some thirty miles with only a small amount of money, and never came back.

Her father said she was "a home body" who never strayed far from home, and her mother is dead, and her grandmother, who is very old, is continually calling for her.

The girl is about five feet seven inches tall, weighs 120 pounds, and at the time of her disappearance was wearing a blue tulle suit and a brown hat.

\$27,000 TO "PERFECT COP."

W. T. Menke Gets Damages for Motor Crash Injuries.

Walter T. Menke, one of the few men who entered the police force with a rating of 100 per cent physical perfection, won a \$27,000 verdict yesterday for a fractured skull received in a collision on Fifth avenue in January, 1920. The verdict was returned by a jury before Justice John M. Tierney in the Bronx Supreme Court after a trial lasting three days. The defendant was George F. Spona, a retired capitalist of St. Mary's, Pa.

RELIGIOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH, Second Avenue and Seventh Street. Rev. Edgar Franklin, Rector, Minister. Service on Good Friday at 8 P. M. Rev. Mr. Boning will preach.

MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH, Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street. Rev. David James, Rector, Minister. Service on Good Friday at 8 P. M. The choir will render the "Cantata." "The Message of the Cross."

COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, Fifth Avenue and Forty-eighth Street. Minister, James MacLeod, Minister. Good Friday Service at 8 P. M. Dr. MacLeod will preach.

WEST END COLLEGIATE CHURCH, West End Avenue, between 11th and 12th Streets. Rev. Henry Trenchard, Rector, Minister. Service on Good Friday at 8 P. M. Dr. Trenchard will preach.

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STORM HALTS NORSE LINER; VIKING HAIRCUT CALMS SEA

Veteran Skipper of Bergensfjord, Officers and Crew, Shorn of Locks in Accordance With Legend—Ship Arrives With Thankful Passengers.

Capt. Ole Bull, veteran Viking skipper of the Norwegian-American liner Bergensfjord, which arrived yesterday with the most thankful shipload of passengers that has welcomed the unheaving foundations of Brooklyn in many months, revealed the secret of shearing unheaving combbers off wild Atlantic waves. March has been the month of leonine rearing on the tames of the liners, however placid it has been achieved. The sea is the middle of the Atlantic are bigger than those closer to shore, and the Bergensfjord began to plunge into them on March 15. The cabin passengers of religious temper started praying a few hours later, when the westerly blast, dead ahead, got up to eighty miles.

The Bergensfjord is a fine, stout ship, and Capt. Ole Bull was not disturbed about her being able to weather the tumult. But he was feeling a little blue over his oil supply, which he feared would be short because of the waste in backing the boat, and forced him to put into Halifax. He did not discourage the women to quit praying, and he uttered a few short Norwegian supplications himself. But the sea waves kept on howling, and the blast got up to about ninety, the ship stopping as if she were trying to plunge through a stone wall. Something had to be done, the skipper said, after the ship had been bumping

the towering bumps thirty-six hours, and he called a council of officers. What was needed, said one who is still impressed with the power of Viking magic, was the immediate enforcement of the rule that had saved other storm endangered Viking ships in that marvelous age of the dauntless Norwegians who had the nerve to discover America four hundred years before Columbus. These big blond seamen were distinguished for their long, curly hair, which they hated to part with. The only way to smash a storm, the Viking legend prescribed, was to have all the officers of the Viking ship cut their hair.

"Your suggestion," Capt. Ole Bull said, "is bulky." And he had the ship's barber, who had shaved the crew, to reach the deck. Within a few hours all the officers and the skipper, too, were exhibiting to one another the finest haircuts ever seen in a liner, Viking or otherwise. And then the winds died down and thereafter the surface of the sea, as all old skippers said, was as smooth as a ballroom floor.

"And if that storm had kept on another day," the skipper added, "our fuel supply would have been so low that we would not have been able to reach this port without refueling somewhere on the way. We have now only one day's supply left."

The prayers of the women may have helped, but the waters were not stilled until there was a general haircut.

The announcement was made yesterday of the retirement of City Magistrate Matthew P. Breen at an annual pension of \$1,500, by action of the Board of Estimate, upon his own application.

The retirement of Magistrate Breen, or "Turn-out-Matt," as he was affectionately known among policemen, began a career of public service. He was elected to the office in 1912, when he went to the Assembly from the Twenty-third ward, now the Bronx, and was re-elected in 1916, 1920 and 1924.

Judge Breen first was elected to public office in 1882, when he went to the Assembly from the Twenty-third ward, now the Bronx, and was re-elected in 1916, 1920 and 1924.

The criminal activities of five men, four of whom he sentenced to Sing Sing yesterday, were responsible for directing the attention of the entire country to New York city as the center of a "crime wave," according to Judge Alfred J. Talley in General Sessions.

Ten men found guilty of robbing Henry Davidson, a jeweler at 1744 Madison avenue, of \$4,500 on December 14 last Judge Talley declared the jury had found the hands of the court by finding the men guilty of grand larceny. They were indicted for robbery, and if they had been convicted on this charge the court could have imposed a twenty year sentence.

Louis Hennig and Morris Bernstein, who were sentenced to ten years in Sing Sing, were sentenced to ten years in Sing Sing, were sentenced to ten years in Sing Sing.

By reason of five holdups which the men committed within forty-eight hours last winter "the city was held up to the scorn of the country," Judge Talley said. The penalty he imposed was "a life term minimum," the Judge continued, because the jurors "saw fit to disregard the plain evidence given, bringing in a verdict that repudiated the imposition of a comparatively light penalty."

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LEGISLATIVE PROBE OF CITY TO BE MILD

Jesse Bill for Seeking Charter Defects Is Only Inquiry Measure to Survive.

CHAMBERLAIN TO GET AX

Two Vehicular Tunnel Bills Reported—Orange County After N. Y. Water Again.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Albany, March 24.

The legislative investigation of the New York city administration will be confined to a purely academic study of charter defects. That was decided today when the Assembly's Cities Committee reported favorably the Jesse Bill, providing for a charter commission and piecemealed the other inquiry measures.

The commission will consist of nine members and will be instructed to re-vamp the city charter with a view to eliminating duplication of bureau activities and unnecessary offices. The bill now before the Assembly to abolish the office of City Chamberlain is expected to pass.

With the important features of the Governor's reconstruction policy out of the way, the committees of the Senate and Assembly began to-day to grind out the local bills in which members are chiefly interested.

A score of bills regarding policemen or granting back pay to dismissed uniformed men were reported out. Most of these measures will die under a veto. The Ways and Means Committee reported two vehicular tunnel bills. One gives \$5,000,000 for the project and the other recognizes the bridge and tunnel commission, makes the Commissioner of Plant and Structure a member of that body and names a special Deputy Attorney-General to perform the commission's work.

One feature of this latter measure that is expected to raise protest in New York gives to any city or town in Orange county permission to lay New York's water supply system running to the Otisville sanitarium. This is a renewal of the attempt often made to let Orange county connect with the New York water shed.

The names of the domestic courts are changed to family courts by another bill reported. The Codillo bill licensing dance halls was reported.

\$20 BILLS IN SMALL TOWNS THEIR UNDOING

Suspicious Constable Nabs Three as Mail Robbers.

Because they produced twenty dollar notes for all their purchases three young men recently caused a sensation in the small town of Greycourt, Orange county. So free did they become with the notes that they attracted the attention of the town constable, who began to wonder as to the sources of their income. Moses C. Duryea, Post Office inspector, was ordered to Greycourt and Wednesday they were arrested. Yesterday they were brought to this city, taken before United States Commissioner Samuel M. Hitchcock and charged with rifling mail pouches in Greycourt and securing \$5,000 in cash and bonds.

The three said they were Harold Edwards, 23, a railroad brakeman; Harry Edwards, 25, cousin of Harold and Edward de Blaker, 23, all of Greycourt. According to James J. Johnson, Justice, the prisoners confessed to having stolen three mail sacks from trucks at Greycourt in February. They were held in bonds of \$5,000 each for examination by Commissioner Hitchcock.

William I. Thissen, 19, of 436 East 14th street was arraigned yesterday before Commissioner Hitchcock charged with robbing highway letter boxes in East 14th street. He waived examination and was held in \$1,000 bail.

The trial will be resumed Monday.

TWO SLEEP DEATHS IN FAMILY.

Mary Koteltas, 22 years old, of 68 Gansevoort street, was reported yesterday to the Department of Health as dead from sleeping sickness. She is the second to die in her family. Two new cases in Manhattan were discovered yesterday.

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LEGION UNAMERICAN ANDERSON CHARGES

Expelled Colonel Says He Is Glad to Be Out of Bluffing, Anti-Labor Body.

SEES CONTROL BY RICH

Asserts Kreiser Fiddle Smashers and Bonus Parade Foes Turn Censors.

The American Legion is now nothing but a shell, Lieut. Col. Alexander E. Anderson of the old Sixty-ninth Regiment, who was expelled from the organization Tuesday night, said yesterday in a letter to H. W. Burton, New York county chairman of the Legion.

Col. Anderson asserts that long before the Legion expelled him for participating in the "Kreiser" on the Rhine, meeting in Madison square Garden he had resigned of his own volition and expressed "genuine gratification" over the sentence of excommunication.

"The American Legion is supposed to work for the good of the soldier," he says. "It has been prevented from doing anything in a wholehearted way along that line by its wealthy members and patrons, and instead it has become a hindrance to obtaining aid for the men, while at the same time it has turned itself into a supergovernment to put its schemes that cannot be carried out by due process of law and courts under a democratic form of government."

"They have been identified with many acts un-American, un-democratic and un-American to soldier interests. First, they work to smash organized labor and the right to strike. Next, they made the society of the Legion a platform for breaking Fritz Kreiser's fiddle. Then, as an organization, they discontinued the soldiers' bonus parade, and now they get themselves up as extraordinary censors to suppress freedom of speech on the part of any one foolish enough to belong to them."

"It is remarkable how solemn a bluff the Legion manages to make on such slender resources of soldier support. That is really the thing it does best. It assumes to speak as the mouthpiece of ex-servicemen, whereas its organization is really but a shell which is fast crumbling for the great mass of service men has refused to join it."

"When the American Legion ceases to parade as the puppet of a privileged few under the guise of an American patriotic organization, when it aligns itself with the great masses of our old-timers in the real fight for the preservation of American principles, such as the rehabilitation of our traditional spirit of liberty, free speech, free press and free assembly at such time, then, will it be the privilege and the duty of those who have fought for America to enroll as members."

"Your entire programme of unbounded impudence, interference and super-patriotism insures a quick finish to the legion as now constituted and preserves its inevitable and speedy decay from annihilation," he says.

Many letters and telegrams from ex-servicemen supporting his position have been received by Col. Anderson.

\$200,000 TO HAMILTON.

Education Board Offers It if College Raises \$500,000.

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